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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: FRG VIEWS ON CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL

REFS: (A) USUN 1008; (B) USUN 1046

1. WHEN I MET WITH GENSCHER ON MARCH 22, HE  
REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE WESTERN FIVE  
SHOULD NOT DEVIATE FROM THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS  
APPROVED BY THE 5 FOREIGN MINISTERS LAST MONTH IN  
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NEW YORK. HE EMPHASIZED THAT DECISIONS MADE BY THE  
FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY.

2. GENSCHER SAID THAT THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL  
CLEARLY LIMITED THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO CON-  
SIDERATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS AND ANY ATTEMPT  
TO INVOLVE IT IN THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN

FORCES WOULD GREATLY DISPLEASE THE FRONT LINE STATES WHO WOULD VIEW IT AS A CONCESSION TO SOUTH AFRICA. MOREOVER, IT MIGHT BE USED BY EXTREMISTS WITHIN SWAPO AS A PRETEXT TO PRESS FOR BREAKING OFF THE TALKS.

3. SUBSEQUENT TO MY MEETING WITH GENSCHER, THE FOREIGN OFFICE TOLD US THAT IT IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE COMPROMISE PROPOSAL OUTLINED REFTEL B. IN THE VIEW OF THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICE DIRECTOR, THERE IS NO OBJECTIVE BENEFIT TO BE DERIVED FROM THE CHANGE. ("IF SOUTH AFRICA IS GOING TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL, THIS WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE.") MOREOVER, ADOPTION OF THE CHANGE WOULD OPEN A "DANGEROUS LOOPHOLE" AND THREATEN THE VIABILITY OF THE PROPOSAL AS FAR AS AFRICAN LEADERS LIKE NYERERE WERE CONCERNED.

4. IN SPITE OF THEIR OPPOSITION, THE WORKING LEVEL WILL PROPOSE TO GENSCHER TODAY THAT HE APPROVE THE CHANGE AS A LAST RESORT. THE FRG HAS LEARNED THAT THE FRENCH WILL SUPPORT THE COMPROMISE. IT IS ASSUMED US AND UK CONCURRENCE WILL ALSO BE FORTHCOMING AND THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI TO AVOID FRACTURING THE CONTACT GROUP.

5. NEVERTHELESS, OUR CONTACTS CAUTION THAT GENSCHER  
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HAS TAKEN A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE NAMIBIA NEGOTIATIONS AND THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS (ALBEIT A SMALL ONE) THAT HE WILL CHOOSE TO DIG IN HIS HEELS ON THIS POINT. IN ANY EVENT, INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE GOING OUT TO THE FRG MISSION IN NEW YORK LATER TODAY.  
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